



# Sequoia National Park established in the United States on September 25, 1890

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## General Note



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Sequoia National Park is a national park in the southern Sierra Nevada east of Visalia, California, in the United States. It was established on September 25, 1890. The park is famous for its giant sequoia trees, including the General Sherman tree, one of the largest trees on Earth. It contains a significant portion of America's longest mountain range, the Sierra Nevada. In 1943 Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks began to be jointly administered. The two contiguous parks are 66 miles long and 36 miles at their widest point. It was the second-oldest national park in the United States. It was created by Congress on September 25, 1890. It was also given wilderness designation on September 28, 1984, and designated a Biosphere Reserve in 1976. Many park visitors enter Sequoia National Park through its southern entrance near the town of Three Rivers at Ash Mountain at 1,700 ft (520 m) elevation. Sequoia's backcountry offers a vast expanse of high-alpine wonders. Covering the highest-elevation region of the High Sierra, the backcountry includes Mount Whitney on the eastern border of the park, accessible from the Giant Forest via the High Sierra Trail. Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks lay side-by-side in the southern Sierra Nevada, east of the San Joaquin Valley. Visitor activities vary by season and elevation (1,370 to 14,494 feet). Temperature varies by elevation. Because the parks range from 1,500 feet to 14,494 feet in elevation (457 m to 4,418 m), conditions change drastically depending on where you are.